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ALL CAROLINA IS IN CHARLOTTE NOW

One Hundredth Anniversary of the Signing of Mecklenburg Declaration.

CHIEF EVENT FOR WEDNESDAY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 21.—The celebration of the one hundred and thirty-first anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence was formally inaugurated this morning with a concert by the United States Marine band.

The city has never before been so extensively and elaborately decorated, nor has it ever been called upon to entertain so many strangers. Hotels, boarding-houses and other available places are crowded, and crowds are pouring in on every train. There are two carnivals in full blast—one on the Main Street and the other located in Latta Park. There are amusements galore for the visitors, and the attractions surpass anything ever attempted here.

Many Attractions.

This afternoon the United States cavalry, marines and infantry gave exhibitions of fancy drilling in the park, and there were two balloon ascensions, to say nothing of other amusements.

To-night Governor Glenn and his staff, assisted by prominent citizens, held a big reception in the Manufacturers' Club to greet the home-coming, who are here for the celebration.

A carnival of lights in the main streets, a parade, balloon ascension and fireworks comprised the amusements provided for the sight-seers this evening.

The chief event of the week, perhaps, is the speech of Hon. Champ Clark, of Missouri, set for Wednesday morning. His subject will be "The United States in the Twentieth Century."

The weather to-day has been threatening, and there were several showers. Clearing weather to-morrow will mean

a greater crowd than the city can well take care of.

Marine Corps for Charlotte.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., May 21.—Captain Zulick, United States Marine Corps, two other officers, and sixty-eight men, have left the Norfolk Navy Yard for Charlotte, N. C., to represent the service at the celebration there of the one hundred and thirty-first anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg (N. C.) declaration of Independence.

DEAD IN HIS OFFICE.

Kell-Known Citizen of Charlotte and Prominent Man.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 21.—Professor George B. Hanna, assistant assayer in the United States mint here, and one of Charlotte's most prominent citizens, was found dead in his office this morning. He was chairman of the Inter-State Young Men's Christian Association of Carolina and had done more than any one man in the two States for the spread of the work. Prof. Hanna was born at Holbrook, Mass., on October 10, 1835, and was a tutor there for two or three years. He then went to Columbia University and took the post graduate course in the "School of Mines" in 1867 and 1868. Immediately after graduating in this department, Prof. Hanna came to Charlotte as assistant assayer in the United States mint, where he has been continuously since.

Prof. Hanna was twice married; his first wife was Miss Nina C. Trotter, to whom he was married on December 23, 1878. She died October 6, 1891. On January 16, 1893, he married Miss Nola Alexander, who is the daughter of Dr. A. W. Alexander, of Charlotte, and who survives him. He leaves one brother, in Massachusetts.

Criminal Assault Charged.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) RALEIGH, N. C., May 21.—A requisition from Governor Deneen, of Illinois, for William R. Thacker, under arrest at Winston-Salem, was honored this morning in the office of Governor Glenn. The necessary papers sent to Winston-Salem, to which Sheriff T. W. Brents, of Christian County, Ill., is en route, to escort the prisoner to that county to answer the charge of criminal assault on Miss Ruth Clark, a thirteen-year-old girl. Thacker has been arrested at Winston-Salem by the sheriff of Forsythe.

GIRL AND MOTHER AND ESCORT HURT

Frightened Horse Ran Away, Throwing All Three From a Buggy.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SPRAY, N. C., May 21.—Mr. W. G. Lester was en route to Reidsville this evening in a buggy with Mrs. Georgia Cox and her twelve-year-old daughter, Annie Cox, when their horse took fright at a shifting engine on the Danville and Western Railway and ran away, throwing all the occupants out. Mr. Lester fell on his head and is yet unconscious. It is not known yet whether or not he will recover. The little girl received the most serious wound. After being thrown down several hundred yards, the lines dragged several hundred yards, the lines being wrapped around her body. The ground being very sandy saved her life. Mrs. Cox received a few bruises on the head.

Too Much Religion.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) RALEIGH, N. C., May 21.—Sunday afternoon, at Dawson Street Methodist Church, colored, an old negro woman became greatly wrought up during the service, and after shouting at a great rate for some time, dropped dead in her tracks. The wildest excitement prevailed for some time, and several persons were injured in a stampede from the church which followed. The woman's name was Rachel Wilder. The church is known as "Need More."

Deaf Mutes Confirmed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) RALEIGH, N. C., May 21.—Bishop James Blount Cheshire, of the Diocese of North Carolina, returned this morning from Durham, where last night he confirmed a class of seventeen deaf mutes, one of whom was a remarkable case, ever performed in this State. He was assisted by Rev. Oliver Wheden, who interpreted the service between the bishop and the class.

PRETTY EXERCISES.

The Crewe Graded School Closes Successful Season.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CREWE, VA., May 21.—The Crewe Graded and High Schools closed on Friday evening. The most interesting feature of the evening was the prize giving. Judge W. H. Mann was the orator of the evening. He was assisted by Mr. Henry J. W. Kinchloe to the following pupils: First grade, gold medal, Sallie Moore; second grade, gold medal, Esther Jenkins; third grade, gold medal, Irene Lutton; fourth grade, gold medal, Arline Beville; fifth grade, gold medal, Whitley Morris; sixth grade, gold medal, Stuart Scott; seventh grade, gold medal, Lena Comings; eighth grade, gold medal, Guy Oliver; first High School grade, gold medal, Aurie Crittenden; second High School grade, gold medal, Thelma Smith; third High School grade, gold medal, Rosa Jordan; \$5 in gold to best all-round boy in school, Stuart Scott. The season has been a very successful one, and both principal and teachers are receiving congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Baird entertained Friday evening in honor of their guest, Judge William Hodges Mann. Among the guests were Professor and Mrs. S. Wood, Superintendent Riton and Mrs. Riton, Mr. C. E. Wilson, Mayor C. B. Lane and Mrs. Lane.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

Supreme Officers Elected—To Hold Jubilee in Boston.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 21.—Officers for the ensuing year were elected by the Supreme Council, Royal Arcanum, in session at Old Point, to-day. Boston was selected as the next place of meeting, and it is proposed to hold a jubilee celebration of the thirtieth anniversary at Boston, on the third Wednesday in May of next year.

Ashbury-Richardson.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 21.—Grover Cleveland Ashbury and Miss Annie Richardson, both of Mathews county, were married Thursday night at the parsonage of Providence Methodist Church,

in that county, Rev. C. H. Williams officiating.

News of the Sick.

Mrs. Ethridge left the Retreat for the Sick yesterday after a successful operation.

Little Malcolm Hobson, who was so badly scalded last Saturday, is resting easily at the Retreat, and has a good chance to survive his injuries.

Mr. Lovell was operated upon yesterday at the Retreat.

Mr. Marable entered the Retreat last night.

Mrs. Christian was taken to the Retreat yesterday.

Mr. A. B. Sutton, of No. 115 East Cary Street, has entered the Retreat for treatment.

Mrs. Preston Womack left the Virginia Hospital yesterday after a successful operation.

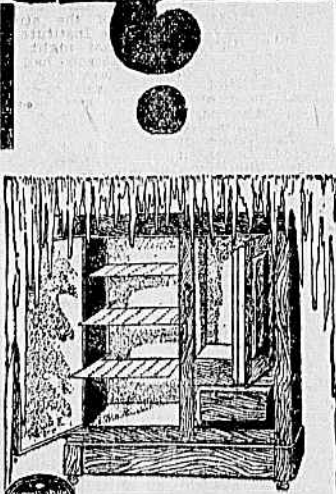
Mrs. Weisiger, of Ashland, a patient of Dr. Taylor's, has entered the Virginia Hospital.

Mrs. Kloss, of Church Hill, who was operated upon at the Virginia Hospital, left yesterday.

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RAN INTO BANK ONLY ONCE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., May 21.—A special correspondent of The Ledger-Dispatch, Norfolk, who is aboard the dry-dock Dewey, wrote to that newspaper a report of the progress of the dry-dock toward Manila, which was printed to-day. The dry-dock, at the time the letter was written, was yet 6,000 miles short of reaching its destination, Manila, whence it sailed from Solomons Island, Md., via the Virginia Capes.

In Suez Canal.

The letter which reached Norfolk this morning follows:

Suez, Egypt, May 3, 1906. The big floating dry dock Dewey on May 1st successfully completed one of the most difficult stages of the long journey to the Philippines—the passage through the Suez Canal—which was begun at 7 A. M. on April 27th and finished at 11 P. M. May 1st, a most appropriate day—Dewey Day—for her entry on the second half of the voyage.

Four days and eleven hours were occupied in making the run through the big ditch, and with far less trouble or mishap than one would have expected. This was in most part due to the complete and careful plans of the canal company, who had full charge of the Dewey while in the canal, and though they expected to occupy six or seven days in making the passage, the fact that it was made so much more quickly speaks well for the efficiency of their plans. The trip through the canal was made in advance of the Dewey by the three-towing ships Glacier, Cesar and Triton, who awaited the Dewey, anchored in Suez bay. The little Potomac remained with the Dewey at Port Said and acted as a rudder astern of the dock on her way through the canal, with a two very powerful canal company tug towing ahead.

Made Good Time.

The first twelve hours in the canal were without incident, the Dewey proceeding at a rate of about three and a half miles per hour, and the canal being widest from Port Said to Ismailia, on Lake Timsah, no trouble was had until she tied up the first night at 8 o'clock about thirty-five miles from Port Said. A high wind had come up and its pressure on the Dewey's great side walls snapped the mooring lines, some of them eight inches in diameter, and made much trouble for all hands during the night and next day, until she was finally secured with wire hawsers to the canal bank. At one time she lay crosswise of the canal for about twenty-four hours, completely blocking it. Four sidings or passing stations for the Dewey to haul into to allow steamers going either way to pass had been dredged, and in there she was hauled as soon as reaching them. In addition anchorage was made in Lake Timsah and the Bitter Lakes, where the canal traffic also had opportunity to pass on their way. Other than the trouble with the mooring lines during the high wind there was none to speak of, and when the high wind subsided the Dewey once again proceeded on her way. The last stretch of the canal before reaching Suez is the narrowest and for an hour on the last day she was held up by running into the canal bank and plowing up the sand for a little distance. The buoy in the canal were not taken up for her passage, but were run over, those whose moorings had not been carried away coming up after the Dewey's passage; others which had been torn drift being picked up and replaced by a small tug following on behind.

Right for Egypt.

Never since the days of Pharaoh has ancient Egypt seen such a sight as the floating dock cutting its way through the narrow ribbon of water with the desolate African desert stretching away in illimitable expanse to the desolate horizon, stark, staring, pitiless, in the blazing sun, with not a vestige of leaf or shrub, including one with a feeling of fear and terror at the thought of wandering alone over its trackless wastes, forsaken and forgotten.

And with this incongruous background for a frame or setting, the Dewey—the most modern achievement in structural

mechanics, passed on through the land where, within a few short miles away, for ages have stood the most ancient and wonderful of achievement in the art of construction—the Sphinx and the Pyramids.

At a distance from the canal banks, standing on the sands of the lifeless desert, looking toward the canal, one could almost imagine the discovery of some new pyramid or ancient structure here overlooked by former adventurers and explorers.

As a natural result, wherever there were habitations along the canal (few there are) and at passing stations, spectators were numerous, and cameras, where civilization had crept in, many. Along the banks, in the waste places, occasional caravans of camels, laden with sand, for the canal work, stopped and their drivers gazed, awe-stricken, at the strange sight. Peddlars and Arabs issued from their tent dwellings on the desert to see what like of monster this be.

And so, at last, as the sun sank behind the distant African mountains, the Dewey came to anchor in Suez Bay, as did the victorious ships of her name in Manila Bay eight years previously, after that glorious victory which made the inception and voyage of this modern American achievement possible and necessary.

Six Thousand Miles More.

This evening the expedition resumes its journey eastward through the Red Sea, Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean, thence through the Malacca Straits into the China Sea, to end at last in the Philippines, six thousand miles yet distant.

If the weather should prove favorable, during the time of making this distance, the middle of August should see the Dewey safely at anchor in Manila Bay.

The monsoon season, beginning usually in the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean about May 15, becoming most severe during June and July, may, of course, cause considerable delay; but, as currents are favorable and even the worst winds from the southwest, unless the Dewey breaks adrift again or becomes weakened by stress of weather, the winds should help her on her way.

No fears are entertained by any one connected with the expedition as to the ultimate arrival of the Dewey at her destination safely. It is only a question of time and the crews of the towing ships and Dewey are by this time well inured to long days at sea.

No stop will be made between Suez and Singapore. As the Potomac returns to the United States from Suez,

the Glacier will probably cast off from the tow when near Aden, Arabia, at the entrance to the Red Sea, and again at Pulo de Galle, Ceylon, for mail and dispatches.

HASKINS SENTENCED FOR TWENTY YEARS

The Court Lenient, or Another Hanging Would Have Occurred.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FARMVILLE, VA., May 21.—In the Circuit Court of Prince Edward to-day George Haskins, a negro only fifteen years of age, was given twenty years in the penitentiary for attempted assault upon the little nine-year-old daughter of Mr. Thomas Garber. The crime was committed on Sunday, the 18th, while Mr. and Mrs. Garber were away from home visiting a neighbor. The testimony of the little girl was conclusive of the prisoner's guilt, and but for the merciful heart of the Commonwealth's attorney, Judge A. D. Watkins, and the leniency of the jury, another hanging would undoubtedly be in order for this county. Nor a witness testified in behalf of the prisoner, and his trial lasted not more than two hours. The court immediately sentenced Haskins.

The criminal docket for this term of the court is a lengthy one, there being two other cases of criminal assault on the list.

Candidates for the Board.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., May 21.—Messrs. R. Henry Jones, Robert Johnston and Colonel Harry Hodges to-day filed at the office of Clerk of Courts Treble official notice of their candidacy for membership upon the board of control. These gentlemen were the successful candidates at the recent Democratic primary. Up to noon to-day but one candidate for county councilman had filed notice of his candidacy. That was Mr. Louis Feuerstein, who was nominated from the Sixth Ward.

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